[श्री बूटा सिंह]

ऐसे रीजनल एटोनोमी को हम नहीं मानते । संविधान के अंदर यदि कोई इस तरह की स्कीम,... (व्यवधान)... इसलिए तब हम बार-बार निवेदन कर रहे हैं ज्योति बसु जी से और प्रधान मंत्री जी ने भी कहा है :

I am just trying to reflect how to give the local communities all over India a real sense of participation in the matters that concern them, matters of development of social and economic growth, matters of adminstrative structure, is something we have to consider dispassionately above the din of party patterns."

यह है उनका तात्पर्य, जो आज प्रधान मंत्री जी ने कहा और मैं इसको फिर से दोहराना चाहूंगा । आज जो भारत सरकार की ओर से हमारे शुरू के वाक्य में भी कहा गया है, तीन बातें हैं, एक तो—

Nobody should take law in his own hands. In this regard greater responsibility lies with the ruling party, i.e., the CPI(M) in West Bengal. The State Government should not abdicate its responsibility to maintain the law and order. Both sides have indulged in violence. All of us must condemn them. Secondly, I must
7.00 P.M. go on record to repeat what the hon. Prime Minister has said that we will not give any quarter to any hostile force outside or within the country who may try to exploit the situation.

Thirdly, we will not agree to the division of West Bengal nor we will accept any move towards weakening of national unity through the regional autonomy by amending the Constiution. These are the basic issues.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: For what reason?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Why Constitution cannot be amended to grant regional autonomy?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: You come out with an explanation.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Sir, the House should be taken into confidence and we would like to be educated and enlightened.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: What prevents you to amend the Constitution.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: The Government is ready to give regional autonomy, but if it requires amendment of the Constitution, why the Government should not do that?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The Government is very much confused on this point. ... (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Now, I would request Shri H. K. L. Bhagat to make a statement.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

III. Re statutory minimum price of sugarcane for 1987-88.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Sir, the Central Government fixes the statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by the sugar factories for each season, under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. Upto the season 1985-86, the cane price was being fixed at the commencement of the crushing season. However, while fixing the prices for 1985-86 in November, 1985, the Government had also announced that the statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable during the season 1986-87 (Ist October 1986 to 30th September, 1987) would be Rs. 17.00 per quintal linked to 8.5 per cent recovery with proportionate premium for higher recoveries. This practice of announcing the cane price a year in advance is intended to enable the cane growers to know the minimum price that they would be getting for their produce.

Continuing this practice, which was started last year, the Government have decided that, for the next season, 1987-88 (beginning from Ist October 1987), the statutory minimum price for sugarcane would be fixed at the basic level of Rs. 18.00 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8. 5 per cent with proportionate premium for higher recoveries. This marks an increase of Re. 1 per quintal over the price fixed for 1986-87.